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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EFIS, CH

SUBJECT: PRC WHALING OPERATIONS

REF: STATE 158361 (NOTAL)

1. THE CONGEN HAS JUST OBTAINED A PRC ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOKLET WITH A STORY OF WHALING IN THE YELLOW SEA. STRIPPED OF ITS IDEOLOGICAL STORYLINE OF A YOUNG LAD USING CHAIRMAN MAO THOUGHT TO HARPOON A WHALE, THE STORY DEPICTS A SOPHISTICATED COMMERCIAL OPERATION. THE MODERN STEEL MOTOR CHASE VESSEL, WITH AN EXPLOSIVE HARPOON MOUNTED ON ITS BOW, SEEMS SIMILAR TO THE SMALLER RUSSIAN WHALING VESSELS WHICH ACCOMPANY A MOTHER FACTORY SHIP. IN THE STORY, HOWEVER, THE CHINESE CHASE VESSEL TOWS THE BALEEN WHALE CARCASS TO A LAND

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STATION WHICH PROCESSES IT INTO UNSPECIFIED PRODUCTS. THE

USE OF A LAND STATION SUGGESTS THAT PRC WHALING SHIPS DO NOT VENTURE INTO THE OPEN OCEAN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE STORY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRC WHALING VESSELS, NOR OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL WHALE HARVEST. WE ASSUME THAT THE STORY REFLECTS THE STATE OF THE LIMITED PRC WHALING EFFORT, WHICH IN THE 1950'S WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE PORT OF DARIEN.

2. A CHECK OF PRC EXPORT CATALOGUES AND OF A USLO ECONOFF HERE WHO HAS ATTENDED CANTON TRADE FAIRS FAILED TO FIND ANY INDICATION THAT THE PRC HAS ANY WHALE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT.

3. THE BOOKLET WAS SENT TO EA/PRCM JULY 8 VIA AIR POUCH
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